

Hunting: Seasons and Trip Planning



Introduction

Make your hunting trip safe, enjoyable, and lawful by familiarizing yourself with applicable National Park Service and California State regulations and San Bernardino County ordinances. A current copy of California Hunting Regulations is indispensable, and is available from the California Fish and Game Commission: call 916-653-4899 or visit them online at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/regulations/index.html>.

Regulations

Permit & License

All California Hunting Regulations apply within Mojave National Preserve. A California State hunting license is required. In addition, a permit is required for deer, bobcat, and bighorn sheep hunting; an Upland Bird Stamp for hunting quail or chukar (red-legged partridge); and a Migratory Bird Stamp for hunting mourning dove. Please be prepared to present your hunting license and tags if requested by a park ranger or state game warden.

Firearm Use

The discharge of firearms is allowed only while legally hunting. “Plinking” and target shooting are not permitted. No shooting is

permitted with ¼ mile of any campground, dwelling, hiking trail, visitor center, or other public gathering areas. All firearms transported within the Preserve must be unloaded, cased, and broken down, except during lawful hunting activities. Firearms must comply with California Hunting Regulations for the species hunted.

Hunting Reminders

Within the Preserve, spotlighting for game or non-game animals is illegal. Hunting at water sources is limited to a 30 minute time period every hour. Special hunting regulations are in effect at Providence Mountains State Recreation Area. Call 760-928-2586 for more information.

Access

Private Lands & Property

Private property inholdings are found throughout the Preserve. Please respect the rights of our neighbors. It is your responsibility to receive permission from the landowner before hunting on private property and to know property locations; it is advisable to obtain written permission.

No Shooting Areas

San Bernardino County ordinance had designated the following locations as Safe Areas: Fort Piute, Mid Hills Campground;

Black Canyon Group Campground; Hole-in-the-Wall Campground, Fire Center and Information Center; and Granite Mountain Research Center. These areas are closed to hunting and the discharge of all weapons.

Wilderness

Motorvehicles, motorized equipment, or mechanized transport (cars, trucks, ATVs, dirt bikes, bicycles) are not allowed in designated wilderness areas. All wilderness areas remain open to hunting, but access is by foot, horse, or pack animal only.

Driving Reminders

All vehicles operated in the Preserve must be street legal. Driving off established roadways is prohibited. The possession of an open container of an alcoholic beverage in

a vehicle is illegal. Driving a motor vehicle while intoxicated or under the influence is illegal.

Camping	<p>Campgrounds Camping fees at Mid Hills and Hole-in-the-Wall Campgrounds are \$12 per night. The Hole-in-the-Wall Equestrian and Group Campground is available by reservation only; please call 760-252-6104. Maximum stay is two weeks per campsite and 30 days per year anywhere in the Preserve.</p> <p>Roadside Camping & Backpacking Previously impacted roadside campsites may be used without permit. Backcountry walk-in camping is also allowed without a permit. Camping is not allowed within 200 yards of a water source or well, or at designated trailheads.</p>	<p>Campfires Check with a ranger for any fire restrictions upon arrival. Because wood is scarce in the desert, collecting or cutting wood is not allowed. Fire rings are provided in campgrounds. If you are backpacking or roadside camping, consider using a campstove rather than building a fire to minimize your impact. Fires in existing fire rings or “fire pans” are permitted outside the developed campgrounds. A fire pan is a metal container such as a garbage can lid. Pan fires make it easier to properly and safely dispose of ashes and colas later, leaving the site less disturbed.</p>
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Dogs	Dogs are permitted and may be used during hunting activities. If not being used for hunting, dogs must be on a leash, not to exceed six feet, at all times.	Temperatures in the area range from below freezing to over 110 degrees; do not leave your pet unattended or inside a vehicle.
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Leave No Trace	<p>As urban centers grow, more people will be drawn to Mojave National Preserve for its beauty and solitude. No matter where we go to recreate, we should leave our camps and travel routes as we found them for the next visitor to enjoy.</p> <p>Do not bury trash and toilet paper as scavengers will quickly dig it up; pack it out when you leave.</p>	<p>Use “cat holes” for the disposal of human and pet waste. Cat holes should be six to eight inches deep and at least 300 feet from water sources. Or, better yet, pack it all out with you.</p> <p>Preserve the past; examine, but do not collect, cultural or historic artifacts.</p>
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Hunting Seasons 2007-2008

Hunt	Season	Limit	Times
Rabbit - Cottontail	7/1/07 - 1/27/08	5 rabbit per day, 10 rabbit in possession	½ HR before sunrise to ½ HR after sunset
Mourning Dove and White Winged Dove	9/1/07 - 9/15/07; 11/10/07 - 12/24/07	10 birds per day, 20 birds in possession	½ HR before sunrise to sunset
Deer (Mule) - Archery Hunt	9/1/07 - 9/23/07	One buck, forked horn or better per tag	½ HR before sunrise to ½ HR after sunset
Deer (Mule) - General Hunt	10/13/07 - 11/04/07	One buck, forked horn or better per tag	½ HR before sunrise to ½ HR after sunset
Bobcat - Hunting Permit required	10/15/07 - 2/28/08	5 per season	Anytime
Quail (Gambel) Zone (C)	10/20/07 - 1/27/08	10 birds per day, 20 birds in possession	½ HR before sunrise to sunset
Chukar (Red Legged Partridge)	10/20/07 - 1/27/08	6 birds per day, 12 birds in possession	½ HR before sunrise to sunset
Bighorn Sheep - Fund Raising Hunt	11/3/07 - 2/3/08 1 tag issued	One adult ram per tag/one tag issued	½ HR before sunrise to ½ HR after sunset
Bobcat - Trapping Permit required	11/24/07 - 1/31/08	No limit	Anytime
Bighorn Sheep - General Hunt	12/01/07 - 2/03/08	One adult ram per tag/4 tags issued	½ HR before sunrise to ½ HR after sunset
Hare (Jackrabbit)	Open year round	No bag limit	½ HR before sunrise to ½ HR after sunset
Coyote	Open year round	No bag limit	Anytime